

**From:** Jim Abell  
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Dear District Court Judge:

I am writing to you to as I am frustrated with the prosecution of Microsoft. I am the Information Systems manager for our office and deal with Computers and Servers daily. Streamlining computer software and hardware can be the most difficult, time consuming and costly expense for our company. Compatibility and support are key. I appreciate that Microsoft has helped immensely with this task. We don't need this process mucked up by government intervention. I resent that the government does not believe that I can decide for myself which software/hardware is useful to me. I can't believe our government views Microsoft as a threat, when after all it is Microsoft that has brought the industry to where it is....on real earnings, not "puffed-up" .com hype. Don't forget the bubble bursting for the .communists and all of their venture capital. Those bringing suit are not individual consumers, but Microsoft's unsuccessful competitors. Failed businesses must not be allowed to set the rules for the markets in which they failed. Protecting some businesses from others is a dangerous policy. I want to see an America where success is embraced, not punished and throttled! Bill Gates is a self-made man who has brought America, the world, to new levels of progress. Microsoft has a fundamental right to its property, and it is the governments job to protect this right, not to take it away. Microsoft, should be lauded and left alone to continue to develop and prosper so that,

we the people, can too.

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